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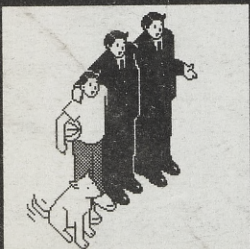
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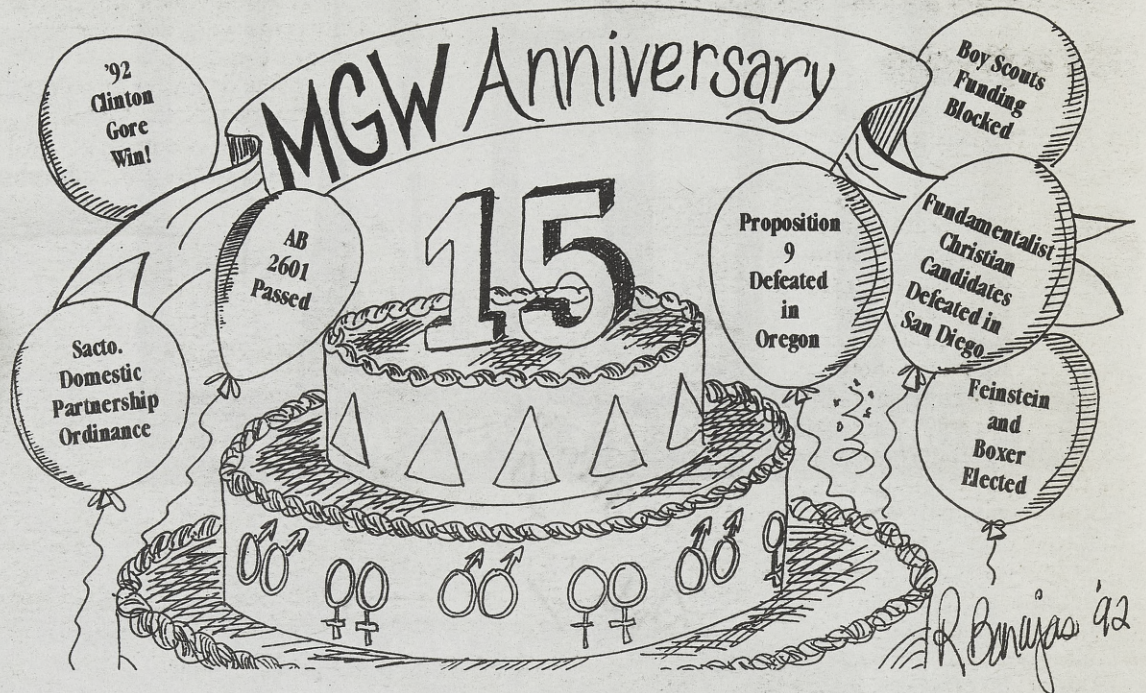
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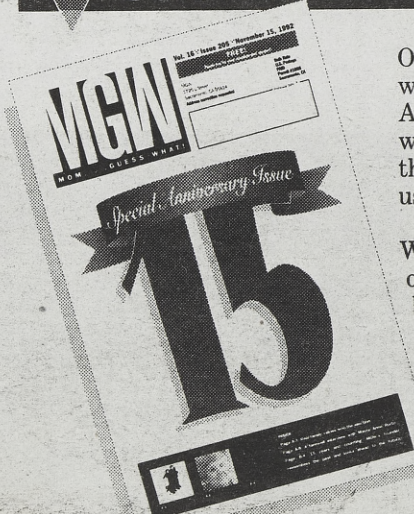
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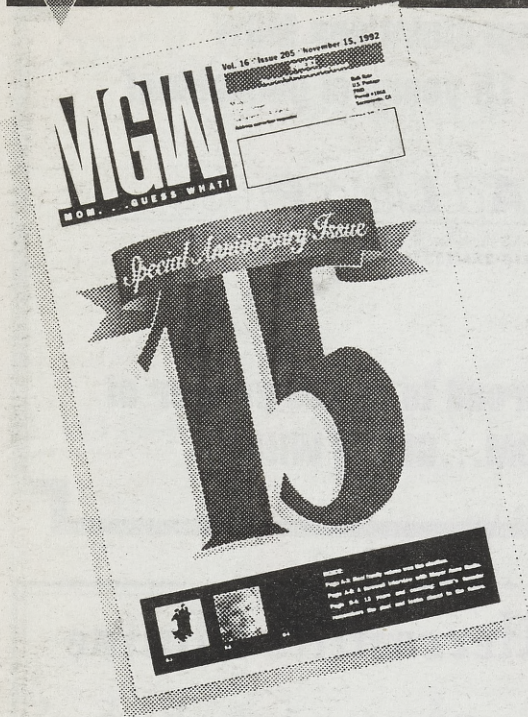
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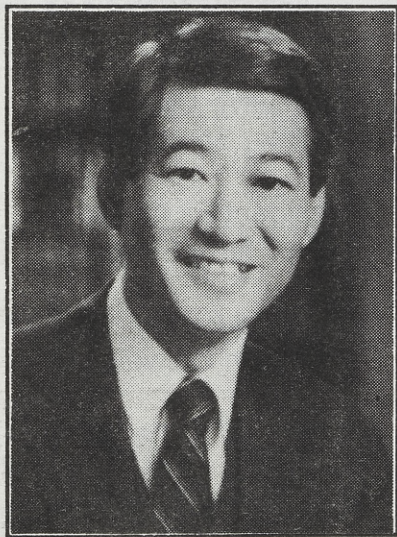
Because of you, we are where we are. Because of you we can paint a clear vision of what you want us to be.

We are proud of MGW. We are proud of how we've changed and grown in 15 years.

More importantly, we are proud to have friends like you. Thanks for sharing that pride. Before, now, and over the years to come!

**Congratulations to
all my friends at
MGW!! Best
Wishes for another
15 years of
continued success.**

**Robert Matsui
Member of Congress**



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of the City Council

15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF MOM GUESS WHAT!

WHEREAS, Mom Guess What!, Sacramento's gay newspaper, is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, during the time of the Briggs Initiative, the unsuccessful Proposition 6, Linda Birner was quoted in the Advocate as saying she would like to start a gay newspaper in the Sacramento area; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1978, Sacramento's first gay newspaper, Mom Guess What!, premiered with Linda Birner as the publisher, James K. Graham, the editor and David Weinerth, Executive Editor; and

WHEREAS, Mom Guess What! continues to offer a mixture of features, hard news, advice, book, symphony, opera and restaurant reviews, and sports and club events; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper has provided another function, AIDS awareness, and since the first outbreak, the paper has reported on medical reports, safe sex, AIDS funding and fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Mom Guess What! will continue to offer support to the community by informing and educating gay and straight people alike, urging individuals to make a difference by taking a more honest approach, and voting and supporting gay organizations and AIDS projects; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper asks the community to take responsibility for its actions and to create changes by becoming involved, and offers gay individuals, both young and old, greater self esteem by reporting their efforts and achievements and helping them to attain higher goals; and

WHEREAS, Mom Guess What! has promoted those goals and objectives throughout its existence by supporting and assisting in inclusion of sexual preference in the City of Sacramento anti-discrimination policies, and, most recently, in the formation of the Domestic Partnership Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Sacramento that we hereby congratulate you on your 15th anniversary and commend you for your many contributions you have made in enhancing the lives of the gay and lesbian community and extends best wishes for every success in the future.

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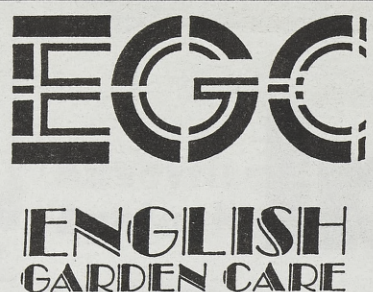
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Love,
-- Paco

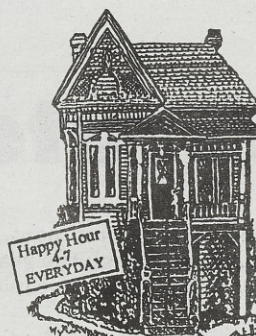


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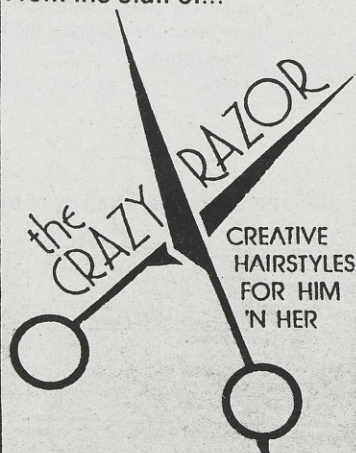
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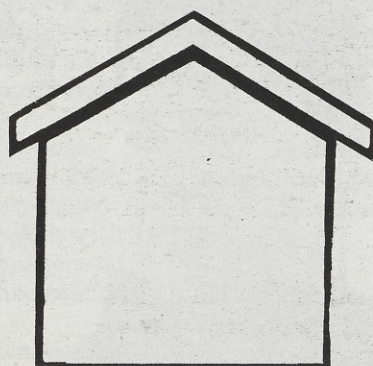
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To Pica & Elite —
Your Mom is the
greatest!

Kate, Bud, Buster Keat,
Ethel Merman Helen
Grace, Sparky, Mrs. Goldberg,
Huey and Louie.

**MGW has
given so
much to the
community.**

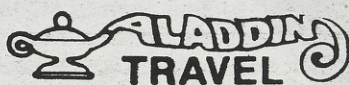
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being there!**

— Steve Winlock

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MORE THAN
100 YEARS!

— Joanna Cassesse
&
— The Sacramento Lesbians
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would like to
Congratulate MGW
on the Past 15 years of
outstanding coverage of
our community.



15 years &
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Congratulations
to

L.B. &
the staff of MGW

Anne Bersinger
&
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November 10, 1992

Mom Guess What Newspaper
Linda Birner, Publisher/Editor
1726 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Birner:

I'm very happy to congratulate Mom Guess What on its 15th anniversary.

Before MGW, Sacramento didn't have a voice for men and women's gay issues. Your newspaper provides a much needed service -- educating the community about fair housing and employment issues. And education is one of the best tools to eliminate discrimination.

Keep up the good work!

Please accept my congratulations for a job well done and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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November 12, 1992

Ms. Linda Birner
Mom, Guess What!
1725 "L" Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Ms. Birner:

Congratulations on the fifteenth anniversary of the premier of Mom Guess What! newspaper.

The past fifteen years have seen a tremendous growth in the recognition of the rights of gay and lesbian citizens in the City of Sacramento. From the acceptance of the City/County Non-Discrimination Policy to the recent action of the City Council to adopt the Domestic Partnership Ordinance, Mom Guess What! has championed the cause of the gay and lesbian community.

Efforts such as yours, have educated others and provided a means of informing the community of the issues that most affect their lives.

I salute your success and wish you another fifteen years of growth!

Sincerely,

JOE SERNA, JR.
Mayor-Elect

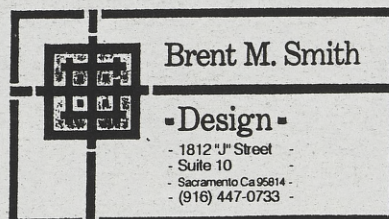
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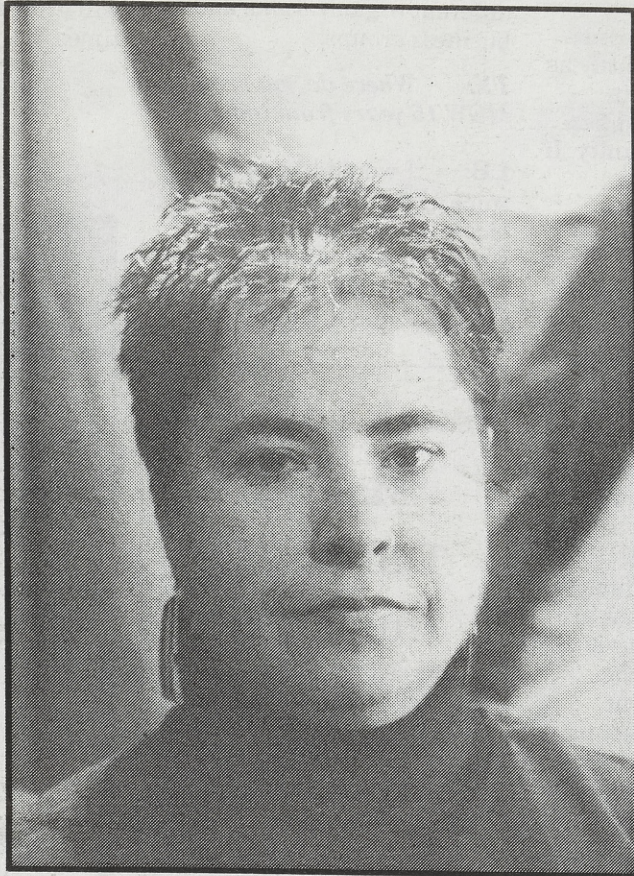
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Interview With Founder

Linda Birner Speaks From Briggs to Today

by Tim Kelleher and
Pamela Coffey
MGW Staff

Linda Birner was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, grew up in Timberlake, Ohio on Lake Erie. Her love of the outdoors, sailing, and animals was fostered in this environment. She has studied graphic arts and photography, and has a college background in psychology. During the 60's and 70's she went through encounter groups, student movements where her interest in journalism was set. Moving to California introduced her to the women's movement, feminist rights, and gay and lesbian issues. She is a past President of N.O.W. She has been publishing MOM GUESS WHAT Newspaper for 15 years. When she's not working, or spending time with her lover, Lynne Ohlson, she loves sailing, cooking, her two Schnauzers, camping, gardening, and good food. Linda has been recognized over the years by Senators, Members of Congress, Mayors, City Council members, business leaders, and celebrities. She considers her role in the Sacramento Community as one of a resource. She prides herself in knowing how to get things done, knowing the right people, and providing a vehicle in our city for change and strength.

This interview was conducted in October, 1992. The following is excerpted from her conversation with Tim Kelleher, Management Development Consultant.

TK: What challenges do you face today after 15 years of publishing MGW?

LB: Money. When I started the paper I went around and got people to advertise with us. I asked them to pay in advance for two or three months and which gave us the

capital to get started. Everybody volunteered hoping that within the first two or three years we'd be solvent but, it's still frustrating. The money issue is a constant struggle. I had thought that maybe when the paper was three or four or five years old that would have changed, it hasn't.

TK: Is there a stronger movement today in publications such as Mom Guess What to get supported by national advertisers?

LB: That's starting to happen. There are a couple of ad agencies that we're working with and we're starting to see a little more activity. One agency has been running full page ads in Advertising Age, which is a trade publication for newspaper people, ad agencies and people that are in the media business. It's educating ad agencies and communities across the nation about the gay market. We're a healthy market they should target. More and more small publications are getting advertisers such as Pacific Telephone, Cellular One, Levi Strauss, some of the larger beer companies and some of the liquor distributors.

TK: How do you feel about tobacco and liquor advertisements in terms of associated problems?

LB: It's a real similar feeling that I have with the 900 sex numbers. We accepted those ads for a while because it helped pay the rent. I'd rather not run sex ads, liquor ads, or tobacco ads — they are personally objectionable — but they pay the rent.

TK: Over the years, you've been involved and recognized

for your contributions towards building and enriching our community. Do you consider yourself more of an activist today than when you started MGW? And how has your role as an activist changed over the 15 years?

LB: I was more of an activist when I first started the paper. I went to rallies and was more of a rabble rouser. I've learned since that it is not an appropriate role for a publisher. The publisher should strive toward objectivity. I've also toned down the rabble rousing part of me. I try not to be on too many boards or commissions anymore because I feel that may bias my opinion.

TK: Not being as much of an activist as you were earlier, how do you steer the course for MGW, the political and social activist newspaper?

LB: By guiding the reporters covering the political and social scene. Our reporters are in the Capitol hallways-local government offices-our community events-political organizations such as the Sacramento Town Council, CAPPAC and the Lambda Center.

TK: Who most significantly influenced your journalistic point of view over the years?

LB: C.K. McClatchy was my mentor. He taught me the ethics of journalism. He encouraged me to stay out of the political fray. Not to join organizations. He really helped me to understand the newspaper business and try not to be so much of an advocacy newspaper. To stick to reporting, telling the truth.

If a writer does a commentary, we state it as such. Editorials are not necessarily the opinion of the newspaper but rather that of the writer.

TK: What would you say has been your most significant contribution over the years to the straight and gay communities in Sacramento?

LB: Educating the straight community. We've shown them that although our sexuality defines our uniqueness, we are simply a part of the human experience. We raise children, we have gardens, we have homes and go to the symphony and opera. When they look at our newspaper they see the parallels of our lives. I think in the straight community, especially in the political arena, we have developed a healthy relationship with the Board of Supervisors, City Council and Police Department. An understanding of the gay community has helped us to influence and change laws and ordinances. We've also helped the parents of gay youth and the children themselves.

When we first started the paper, there wasn't a visible gay community. I wanted to create a voice for us. To let one another know we were here. Organizations began to spring up. The John Brigg's initiative was a rallying point for fund raising efforts, and the starting of MGW.

TK: How do you feel about other gay publications in Sacramento?

LB: I feel competition is healthy, and it has created challenges. It motivates us to change — to stay current with the needs of our readership.

TK: What are your comments on the working relationship between the gay community and the media in Sacramento?

LB: The Sacramento Bee, the broadcast stations, and the radio stations work very well with us. They try to cover our issues as does The Sacramento News and Review. They provide coverage of gay-related stories and events. Recently the Bee did an editorial on domestic partnerships which did not seem to reflect the Bee's attitude toward our issues. I contacted the Bee and was told that the editorial was the opinion of one editor and did not reflect the newspaper as a whole. I feel that the Sacramento Bee and the Sacramento Union have absolutely nothing in common. I think we can all see that. The Union adds little to our community and it's unfortunate. I think in the straight community we need two newspapers and it's unfortunate The Bee doesn't have any competition. The Union reads like a church newsletter.

TK: If you were able to get the chief movers and shakers of the media in Sacramento together for a dialogue, what would you want that group to walk away with in terms of covering the gay community?

LB: I would like to encourage them to do more stories on Lesbians and Gays as individuals, and to talk about the religious right. I'd encourage them to investigate and dig more deeply into their agenda. It's seriously effecting the gay community and it's going to start effecting the straight

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Birner Speaks

community. I'd like to see the Bee highlight gay families. Essentially I'd ask them to mainstream us as much as possible.

TK: *So, do you think the Sacramento Bee could say the same thing to you, to MGW? Is that not a two-sided coin?*

LB: I never thought about that. Ideally, there really should be no reason to have gay newspapers. If all of us had all of our human and civil rights there would be no reason for a gay and lesbian newspaper. I don't see it happening in my lifetime. We need Mom Guess What newspaper. We need the gay press.

TK: *Conventional thinking often implies that the gay media has a weakness for always being on the defensive. Certain other gay publications are considered to be proactive across the country. Which national gay publications do you find on the cutting edge?*

LB: There has been an influx of new gay publications. Specifically, *10 Percent*, *Genre* and *Out*. I have the most respect for the *Advocate*. They research their stories, they try to be fair and tell the truth. I don't believe they're an advocacy newspaper. I also respect *The Washington Blade* in Washington D.C. It is an excellent newspaper and they're fortunate to be in the heart of the nation's capitol.

TK: *Do you see Mom Guess What taking a role and leading us towards a more proactive kind of view? Are there obstacles which would prevent you from doing that?*

LB: Unfortunately it feels like we're always putting out fires. The arsonists come out of the religious right. John Briggs was our first fire. Then, of course, AIDS. We had the religious right trying to tell us and the rest of the nation that we deserved this disease as it was God's will. He would wipe us from the face of the earth. We move right into a defensive stance.

It seems ludicrous to have to tell people it's not a gay disease, it's a global disease. Now we've got the likes of the Reverend Glen Coles, Jerry Falwells, Lou Sheldons, Pat Robertsons and Pat Buchanans attacking our domestic partnership legislation in different cities across the United States. It is frustrating and seems to be an uphill battle. However, we need to come together and take an aggressive, proactive stance. I would like to see us use mainstream media such as GLAAD has done with the 'traditional families' billboards. We need to put ourselves out there to demystify, to educate, to quell the fear.

TK: *Does the Sacramento gay and lesbian community have any leadership?*

LB: There are at least 10 invisible leaders in the Sacramento gay community. It

would be great to have someone whom we could identify as the leader. Our leaders in Sacramento, represent different facets of our community. If someone needs or wants something or if the media calls, they usually call one of those 10 people.

We have people like Marghe Covino who founded Project Tocsin. I think our readers are reading the stories but don't seem to be alarmed. Our community needs to know what its enemies look like. Our leaders need our support.

One of the most important leadership traits we have with the people that are active in our community is their ability to talk to the media well and represent themselves well. It can set us back 50 years when the wrong person is highlighted in the media.

I think these 10 leaders need to sit down among themselves. That's what the Sacramento Town Council tried to do or is trying to do but I don't think it's working very well. The purpose of that organization was to get two representatives from each gay organization in Sacramento. It was suppose to be a coalition. Well, it just hasn't happened. The organizations don't send their reps and so it's difficult to get anything done with so much apathy.

TK: *Do you think that because Sacramento is the State Capitol, the community is less involved?*

LB: Well, I hope we aren't that apathetic. I think a lot of people feel that someone else is going to do it.

TK: *MGW has been awarded much recognition for its point of view and willingness to face difficult issues. What award are you most proud of and why?*

LB: The California State Legislature on the Assembly side gave us a resolution. Phil Isenberg introduced it. We've also gotten quite a few awards for photo journalism

from the National Gay Press Association and we received several local awards from different organizations and business groups.

TK: *Where do you see MGW 15 years from today?*

LB: I would like to focus some of our attention on our elders and youth and their issues, such as where will we all be in our days of winter? Gay retirement homes? Gay

communes? We will continue to provide positive role models for our youth. The newspaper will grow and change with the times. ▽

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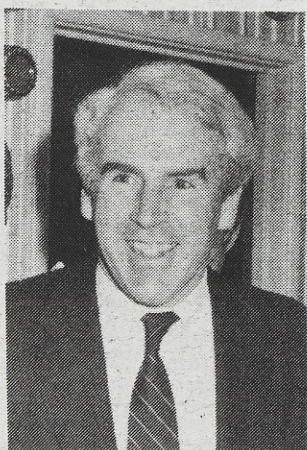
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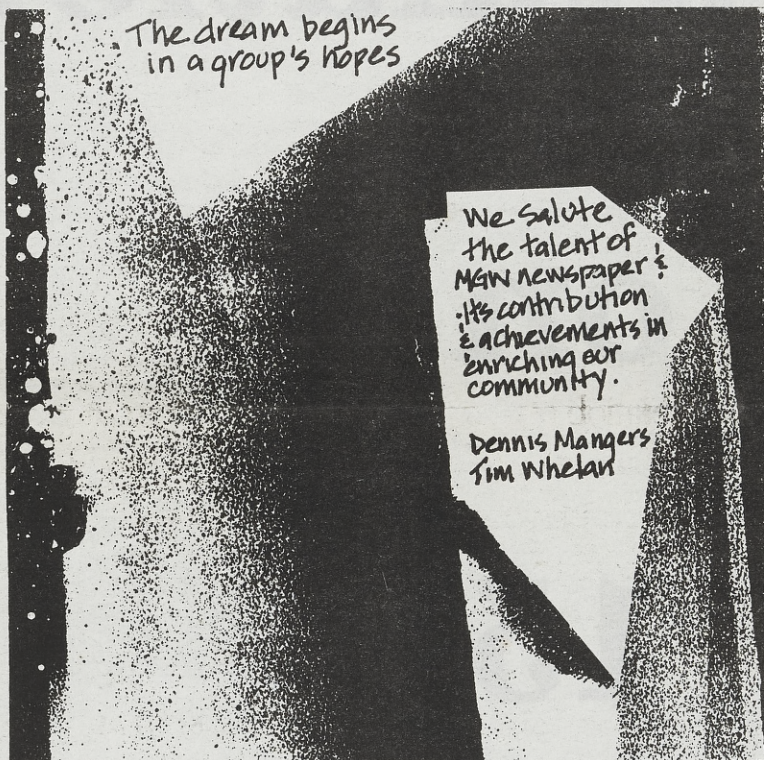
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Demos Keep Firm Hold of State Leadership

California Election Wrap-up

by Aaron Marcus
MGW Staff

California voters sent a solid message Election Day supporting the status quo at the state level even though they voted to enact term limitations for their Congressional representatives and end the career of President George Bush. There were a few upsets in Assembly races but the widely feared right-wing take over of that body failed to materialize and the Democrats will continue to hold a firm majority in both state houses.

Half of the 40 state Senate seats were up for re-consideration as well as all seats in the 80-member Assembly. Redistricting and retirements contributed to the shuffle, but in the final line-up of party affiliations, the religious-right, family values rhetoric apparently worked against many of the regional Republican candidates, as it did at the national level.

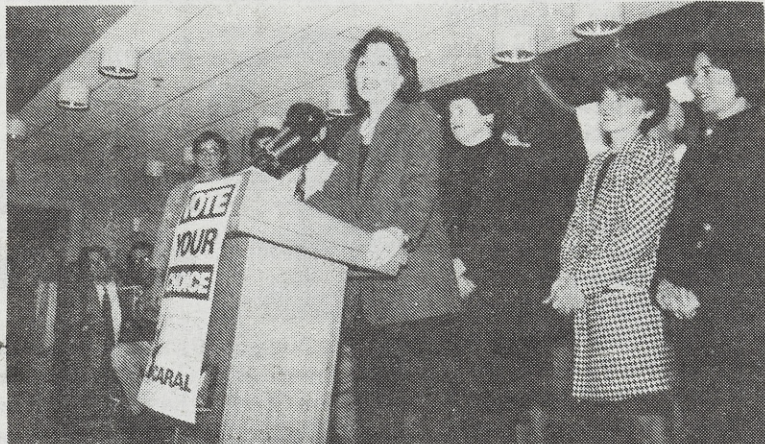
The state Senate appears to have held its basic political profile with Democrats holding the majority. Most of the attention has been focused on the Assembly, where the far-right did manage to score two come-from-behind victories, placing their candidates into office in Northern California Districts 3 and 10. Bernie Richter (District 3) and Larry Bowler (District 10) join a block of conservative Northern California Republicans that include David Knowles in District 4. Knowles, in particular, has expressed his belief that he has "a mandate from God" to work against gay and lesbian civil rights.

In the Southern part of the state, redistricting and a surprise win in El Cajon managed to slightly dilute the rabidly vocal anti-gay block of conservative assembly members that have held on to that region for years: The primary scrap in District 67 (Orange Coast) shunted Tom Mays and Nolan Frizzelle out of the Assembly, leaving only Republican Doris Allen who secured a victory against Democrat Ken Leblanc.

In El Cajon (District 77) however, Democrat Tom Connolly beat out Republican Steven Baldwin in a major defeat for the family-values agenda of the extreme far-right. Connolly's victory came as surprise to everyone, as early projections and polling information indicated that Baldwin was headed for and easy win. District 77 sits just outside the metropolitan San Diego area and borders the Southern edge of the conservative stronghold considered to be a political wasteland by gay and lesbian civil-rights activists. With Connolly joining returning-incumbent Democrats Deirdre Alpert (District 78-Coronado), Mike Gotch (District 76-San Diego) and Steve Peace (District 79-National City), the greater

inspired rhetoric of many Republican conservatives, leaving the Democrats with a two-seat gain of 49 members, even though 25 of the Assembly seats were without incumbent candidates.

The day after the election, policy specialists, lobbyists, leaders and of course general members of the gay and lesbian



Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein

San Diego region appears to now be in the hands of pro-gay, AIDS/HIV sensitive Assembly representatives.

Another major surprise of the election occurred in District 54 (Palos Verdes) where 14-year incumbent-conservative, Gerald Felando was defeated by school-teacher and political new-comer Betty Karnette. Felando, who refused to enter into any debates with Karnette, has a gay and lesbian civil rights voting record that is so bad that Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) referred to him as "an extremist cave-man." Karnette, on the other hand, is a pro-choice Democrat who, in an interview last week said that she considers herself to be a liberal supporter of all civil rights.

"I have a positive kind of attitude," Karnette said, "you might say that my platform is similar to that of Bill Clinton's: ... (I'm) pro choice, in favor of a ban on all assault weapons and I'm very supportive of human rights." Karnette also told MGW that she supported both AB 2601, the employment discrimination bill signed by Pete Wilson, and AB 3825, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown's Omnibus Civil Rights Act, which Wilson vetoed.

Long-term friend of California's lesbian and gay community, Assemblyman Terry Friedman (District 41), will return for another two years following a tight race that had some observers concerned that his Santa Monica seat would fall into GOP hands. Friedman sponsored AB 101 and the successful AB 2601 and is considered to be one of the strongest leaders supporting issues important to the gay and lesbian community.

There were no other major changes in Assembly representation elsewhere in the state. Though some Assembly seats will have new occupants, the political make-up for the Assembly will be similar, if not slightly more liberal for the next two years, with a possible shift towards more moderate votes from Republicans. Voters appear to have strongly rejected the hate-

community were breathing a collective sigh of relief, if not openly rejoicing, at the results of the general election. In San Francisco, where around 10,000 people closed Castro street in a spontaneous election-night celebration, they burned George Bush in effigy and joined in singing "Ding-Dong the Witch is Dead" from the MGM classic "The Wizard of Oz."

San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenburg addressed the crowd that night by telephone, speaking from President-elect Clinton's national headquarters in Arkansas. Achtenburg, who is rumored to be under consideration for a position in the Clinton administration, tied the national victory to a "new era" in state politics even though at the time, she had only a small glimpse of the anti-conservative reaction that was taking hold.

Here in Sacramento, former Orange County Assemblyman Dennis Mangers called the election a gateway to a new era as well. (Mangers now serves as a board member of CAP/PAC, a non-partisan, equal-gender, political action committee formed to promote the civil rights of lesbian and gay people.)

"I'm buoyant about what this portends for our future," Mangers said, "We have been under fire for sometime, but fortunately for now, I don't see any immediate danger of erosion of gains we've made ..."

"From a global standpoint, the results were very good for our community," Mangers added, "...the statements made, by the our new President and Senators all suggest that we are headed for a new era ... with our government and our elected officials recognizing us under the bill of rights ... Now, if we pull together, under the leadership of the LIFE Lobby

and develop a good grass roots movement, we have the potential to realize even more of our objectives."

Alan Lofaso, lobbyist with the AIDS Project-Los Angeles, saw the election an impressive message sent to the Republicans: "It's clear from our seat that people who voted for Pero voted for Democrats further down the ticket," Lofaso observed, "that, combined with the Clinton vote, and we have the result being that some right-wing kooks were defeated and the chances of defending our programs just got a lot better ..."

(D - Ukiah) had announced his resignation on Election Day. Appearing to have given up on what he called "dysfunctional government," Keene announced his resignation effective at the end of December. Keene has served in the Senate since 1978 and was a member of the Assembly from 1972 to 1978. He was re-elected two years ago and would not have faced voters until 1994, but now his successor will be chosen in a special election that will be called by Governor Wilson.



Photos by Deborah Goldstein

"What makes this impressive is that it all occurred under a Republican-drafted re-apportionment ... the Republicans didn't go to the polls and that sends a solid message to their leaders."

Laurie McBride, of LIFE, saw the results of the election as a mandate. "We really won ... big," McBride announced the day after the election, "Instead of the Republican sweep the conservatives were threatening in the Assembly, we actually strengthened our position terms of politicians. "They (observers) had been projecting that the Republicans were going to rise from 33 to 41 members in the Assembly, but instead, the extreme conservative factions lost ground with Felando, Baldwin, Dalekey, Parton and (Jo Ellen) Allen all going down ... this upset is wonderful for our community."

The dust hardly settled in Sacramento before news broke that State Senator Barry Keene

Laurie McBride commented on Keene's resignation as a loss: "I'm stunned ... he has always been a good vote for the gay and lesbian community."▼

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Chapter One

This is the story of Adam ...

I always knew that I was different from all the other kids when I was growing up. I had to try to fit in as best I could. In retrospect, I think that the struggles and trials that I went through to become who I am were worth it. I don't think I would change a single thing.

Being homosexual caused me to ponder my existence — who I was, and why. I was forced to challenge God and His logic at a very young age. I now know that He knows what He is doing. I now realize that every tear, every heartache, and every ounce of anguish serve me in my adulthood.

When I was younger I was very fat and was cursed with severe acne. Girls did not fancy me much. That was fine because I did not fancy them either. I had a girlfriend when I was thirteen and did so only because it made me feel important.

Even though I liked my girlfriend I would still find my thoughts wandering as I jogged closely behind a cute guy during the cross country runs. I always promised

myself that I would never act on my lustful feelings for a man. Although nothing was ever said, I feared rejection from my family and friends.

In my freshman year at high school it was laid out to me in black and white. I remember that moment well, and although my mother has apologized considerably for her actions now, I feel still a little scarred. We were taking my mother's friend, Maggy, to the airport. Our conversation drifted to her last flight to New York. Maggy began talking about a gay man that she was sitting with and how he had come out to his parents. At the close of the conversation my mother looked me straight in the eye and said, "If you ever did that to me, I would never forgive you."

It was at that point that I knew for sure any thought of being homosexual would have to be completely out of the question.

I bought my first Playgirl on my seventeenth birthday. Although I was very nervous, I felt confident that the lady at the counter would sell me the magazine. I was certain she would be uncomfortable and speed along the transaction without question. I was correct in my assumption.

Walking back to my car I knew that this magazine was the first tangible evidence that could prove my homosexual feelings existed. Driving home I made a promise that I would simply run away and kill myself if the evidence was ever discovered. I had always felt

that I was a freak and that in this life I was certainly doomed.

Killing myself had always been my ideal form of escape. I had begun to believe that I was so different — that I was separate from everyone. I felt superior that no one really knew what I thought and felt, and that I was "pulling one over" on everyone. I had built these huge impenetrable walls, and felt quite safe as long as I remained within them.

My un-attractiveness and awkwardness had dubbed me a classic nerd in high school. I hung out with a group of shy, quiet guys all of which were talented in some art or another. I spent many hours writing stories and making up plots in cartoon form. All my friends and I would spend a great deal of time in a fantasy world. The guys would make fun of gays, as most young men did, and I played along with them all the while feeling terrible about it. I was so afraid of being suspected that I too probably was the first to call an effeminate classmate a "fag."

I had never really planned what I was going to do with my life as far as love was concerned. I had never had feelings for a girl, but many crushes on boys. I probably thought I would live my life alone, never requiring sexual contact with a woman, and scared to death of doing anything with a man.

I did not realize that my walls would not hold up as well against love. I never realized that the proverbial fortress I had constructed was not a house of stone, but a feeble house of straw. In the beginning of my senior year, I was made frightfully aware of that fact.

I had life squared away at that point. I was making good grades, had my own car and had been promoted to man-

ager at a fast food restaurant. I went to school every morning at seven, and opened the restaurant at five a.m. on weekends. I was always busy and did not have a lot of time to think about my homosexuality. I liked it that way.

I had no idea what impact the feelings of love would have on me, and was not prepared when I met Larry.

To be continued ...

PEOPLE

Former Sacramentan ...



Nichols Named to Library Post in S.F.

Lee Nichols, Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies, has been named Public Affairs Consultant to the Library Foundation of San Francisco. Nichols will work with the fundraising campaign for the Gay and Lesbian Center of The New Main Library and with the Organized Labor campaign. He will also coordinate internal campaign communication.

"Lee Nichols brings a wealth of experience to our campaign to raise funds for The New Main Library," Paley said, "and we're fortunate to have him on board." In addition to his years as a university professor, Nichols has been a network television journalist, a radio talk-show host, press secretary to California Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, general manager of a PBS-TV station, and president of his own marketing and public relations firm. He joined the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists in January 1957 and has been active in a number of professional and scholarly associations.

Prior to his retirement last month from the faculty at

California State University, Sacramento, Nichols specialized in courses in public opinion, attitude change, non-verbal communication, and public relations. In 1987 Nichols was named Livingston Lecturer of the University, in recognition of "outstanding intellectual leadership."

"San Francisco has a unique opportunity to create a monument which will serve the people for the next hundred years," Nichols said, "and I'm delighted to have been asked to help."

The New Main Library is located on the block opposite City Hall bounded by Larkin, Grove, Hyde, and Fulton. It is being built with \$103 million in voter-approved construction bonds, plus \$30 million in private funds. The Library Foundation's New Main Campaign, chaired by Mel and Charlotte Swig, is responsible for raising the \$30 million, half of which has already been contributed. ▼

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Tribute Honors Gay and Lesbian Veterans

by Charles Peer
MGW Staff

Gays and Lesbians from across the country came to Sacramento to pay tribute to the Gays and Lesbians who gave their lives in our nation's wars and to continue the struggle against Pentagon policies that ban gays and lesbians from the military. A crowd of about 250 attended the Second Annual Tribute to Gay and Lesbian Veterans, organized by The Twin Spirits Veterans Association and The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Town Council, that was held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park on Saturday, November 7. Featured speakers at the tribute included SSgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom and PO1 Keith Meinhold, both of whom were forced out of the military because of Pentagon policies. Also speaking were Sacramento Mayor-elect Joseph Serna, Jr and State Senator Leroy Green.

SSgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom, from Milwaukee and founder of the political action group Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America, brought good news to the crowd when she told them that the Clinton transition team is writing the document that will repeal the military's ban and will probably include a grandfather clause for those already forced out of the service. She said of the top ten list for the new administration, rescinding this ban is in the top five. "But silence is certain to kill every gain that has been made," she told the crowd. "You must write and let your representatives know how you feel. Not only for yourself, but for the 1 in 10 names on this memorial who cannot write for themselves."

Keith Meinhold, a Navy Petty Officer First Class was given an honorable discharge from the Navy when he

disclosed to the nation on the ABC Evening News with Peter

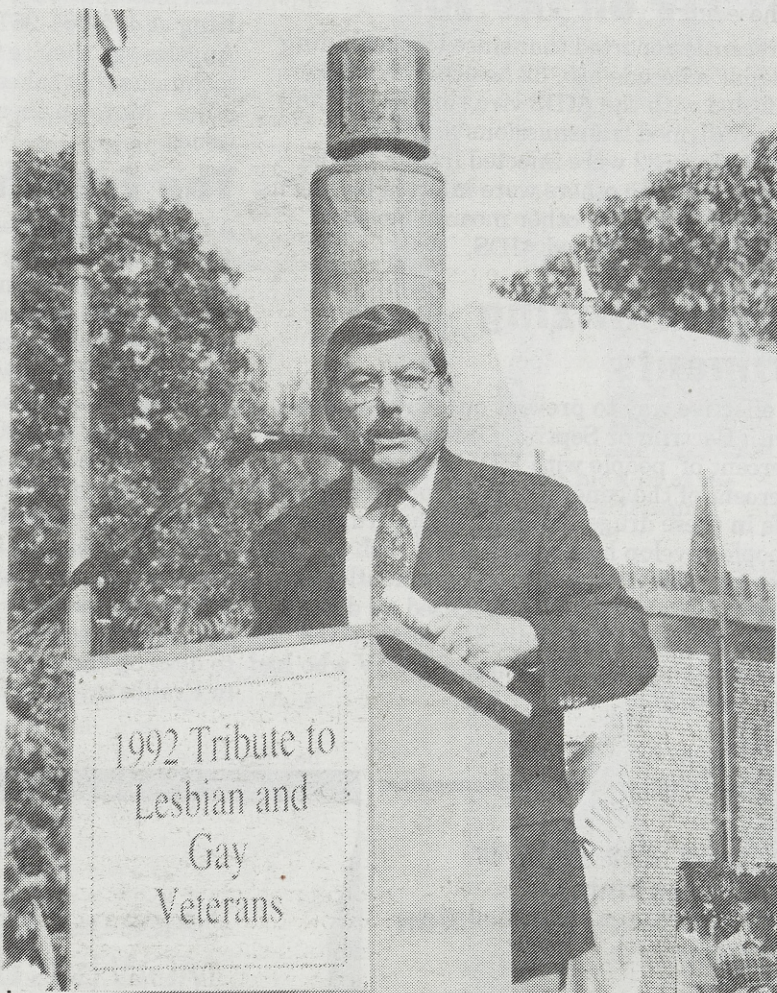
the military. His optimism was guarded, however, as he expects the Navy to appeal the decision. Meinhold also said that he was encouraged by the Clinton administration's promise to lift the ban on Gay and Lesbian military members. "Trust but verify," he told the crowd. "Your repre-

the Air Force's decision, but was eventually given an honorable discharge. Two weeks before the tribute that was his dream Eckert died from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. His uniform and medals were placed on a chair in memorial at the tribute next to his companion Bill Weaver and his former wife and family.

That discrimination and persecution are still priorities within the Pentagon was evidenced by the fact that a Sergeant First Class from the Presidio was sent to the Tribute to photograph participants. When asked why he was there, the sergeant refused comment. That the Pentagon might send someone to the Tribute caused the formation of the Brown Bag Brigade, made up of service members still on active duty who wear brown bags over their heads to protect anonymity.

Music for the tribute was provided by the Sacramento Women's Chorus accompanied by the Andalusia Quartet, by soloist Marie Fitts, and by the Sacramento Men's Chorus.

A wreath honoring Gay and Lesbian veterans was placed at the memorial. "I can stand here today because those



Photos by Pamela Coffey

Mayor-elect Joe Serna spoke in support of human rights. A chair held David Eckert's Air Force uniform, a photo of Eckert and a plaque given in his honor.

Jennings that he is Gay. Meinhold made his disclosure upon learning how the Navy was persecuting and discharging sailors for being Gay. A federal judge on Friday ordered the Navy to reinstate Meinhold. Encouraged by the decision, Meinhold said that on Monday he hoped to walk in the gate at Moffet Field Naval Air Station as a civilian and walk out as a member of

sentatives need to hear from you."

A special tribute was also made to Lt. Col. David Eckert, USAF. Eckert was the co-founder of the Twin Spirits Veterans Association and of the Tribute. After more than 20 years in the service, Eckert was forced out of the service when he tested HIV Positive. He fought

whose names are on that wall gave their lives," Meinhold told the crowd. It was for these brave men and women, Gay and non-gay that the Tribute was held.▼

Clothes Closet Project to Begin

In an effort to help women in need to dress appropriately to enter or re-enter the work force, the California Academy of Merchandising, Art and Design launches the Clothes Closet Project, according to administrator Linda Weldon.

"We hope to help women in need of help themselves,"

The Clothes Closet is actively seeking contributions in the form of women's professional wear that are clean and in good condition. It will also accept accessories, such as scarves and jewelry, but no shoes.

"We hope to help women in need of help themselves," Weldon said, adding that volunteers will receive, sort, catalog and size the clothes, as well as distribute them.

The service is free to recipients and distribution will be coordinated through women's self-help organizations and educational institutions. Volunteers will also help women compose resumes and practice interviewing skills.

The Clothes Closet will not accept active sportswear, nor cocktail or formal wear — just "daytime, professional work clothes," said Weldon, "which for some women may be casual slacks and blouses, and for others, suits."

Those interested in making donations of professional clothing in good condition may call Weldon at 649-8168.▼

Chorale Announces Open Auditions

The Sacramento Chorale, under the direction of John C. Elving, is holding on-going auditions for all vocal parts. Interested singers should contact the Chorale at 424-5433 to schedule an audition time for the upcoming Spring 1993 season. A prepared solo is **not** required.

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HIV UPDATE

by Sonya Cox
MGW HIV/AIDS Editor

AIDS Definition Expands

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (its new name, although it will still be referred to as the CDC) have added 4 new definitions of AIDS to their current list of 23 indicator diseases. Pulmonary tuberculosis, two or more episodes of bacterial pneumonia, invasive cervical cancer, and a T-cell count below 200 in adults are proposed to become effective the first of the year. Estimates of how the addition of these cases will impact statistics range from doubling the current figure of 82,000 to adding as many as 400,000 to the list. Cervical cancer will add many women to the rolls; TB and bacterial pneumonia are believed to be common among drug users. The addition of these cases may see an increase in prevention programs aimed at these groups.

Clinton Promises More Focus

President-elect Bill Clinton, in a half-hour speech just prior to the election, says he plans to appoint a single person, with direct access to the President, to oversee all national AIDS programs. He also promises that all people with HIV will have access to affordable treatment, and says he'll "dust off" the reports of the National AIDS Commission and institute their recommendations of federal financing for prevention, research, and treatment. The past few years have seen federal funding going mainly toward research, and a fast-growing amount of private funding going toward pediatric AIDS. Money to treat adults with AIDS (the great majority of those fighting the disease) has been woefully lacking.

The Magic is Gone ... Again

Basketball great Magic Johnson's life has drastically changed course again. He had recently returned to work, the move hailed by people with HIV as a symbol, showing a country still learning about the AIDS virus that a person with HIV can work and play just as hard as people with no virus in their bodies. Physicians also took this opportunity to explain that the odds of two athletes colliding and exchanging blood were finite. Then, the worst possible thing happened: just as Magic signed his new deal with the Lakers, doctors in Italy reported that a soccer player had become infected after colliding with another player with the virus. In the face of apparent rejection by fellow players who were afraid to play next to him, Magic quit, saying "various controversies" led to his decision, leaving fans and observers angry at what hysteria can do. Magic says he became infected heterosexually, one of the least common ways to get the virus: heterosexual transmission accounts for less than 3 percent of males with HIV. Jumping onto this bandwagon is a Michigan woman who's filed a lawsuit against him, saying he's the person who infected her in 1990. It's little wonder he's decided to go into retirement, but the spotlight will still focus on him as he grapples with this precedent-setting legal controversy. It's a sad situation for this man, but it's also a tragic setback for all people with HIV.

Safe Sex Ad Upsets Marines

A tattoo of a Marine Corps emblem on the arm of one of several men posing for a San Francisco AIDS Foundation safe-sex poster resulted in a letter from none other than the Washington, D.C. headquarters

of the Marine Corps threatening the AIDS Foundation with a lawsuit. "The use of the emblem in your ad could create the inference that the Marine Corps is somehow partially responsible for the spread of AIDS in the San Francisco area.... Further, your use of our emblem could be viewed as tacit approval of homosexuality by the Marine Corps.... In the future, if you are considering advertising options that use or imitate the emblem, name or initials of the United States Marine Corps...." (oh, you get the idea.)

32 Got HIV on the Job

The CDC recently reported that since the beginning of the epidemic a decade ago, 32 health care workers became infected with the AIDS virus on the job, and 69 other unconfirmed transmissions may have occurred. 27 of the 32 were infected from a needle prick or scalpel cut; the others were infected by mucus, blood, damaged tissues, or other means. Seven of these workers have developed AIDS.

Sulfa Desensitizing Experiments

The most effective way to prevent or treat pneumocystis is with Bactrim or Septra. Unfortunately, well over 50 percent of people with HIV (compared to about 3 percent of the general population) are allergic to the sulfa in these drugs. Soon after the drugs are started, people develop high fevers, a red rash all over their bodies, or other symptoms. Consequently, less effective treatments must be used. Based on desensitizing techniques tried with penicillin, testing was begun on San Francisco volunteers with HIV who had

reacted to these drugs. Over a physician-monitored course of 8 days, starting with a 1-to-1,000,000 dose, the drug was gradually increased every six hours until the volunteers were on a full dose at the end of the 8 days. The procedure was successful in 21 out of 25 cases, and these people remain desensitized three months later. But the side effects in 12 were severe, and one person in a similar test in Texas died. All people remained in constant touch with their physician, and the list of precautions to be taken is extensive, but physicians interested in obtaining the information packet on this test can call Christopher King at 415/661-2614. Kaiser physicians in Los Angeles say they're trying a different desensitizing technique that takes only one day in a physician's office. More on these important experiments in later issues.

The French Horror

A former French health official was sent to prison for 4 years for allowing 1,200 people with hemophilia (about half the French hemophiliac population) to receive AIDS-tainted blood in 1985. More than 270 have died thus far, and are dying at the rate of about one a week. The lawsuit that brought about the conviction was on behalf of hemophiliacs; it's thought that as many as 8,000 others have also become infected from these actions of government officials, but they have not filed suit, and no other officials have been brought to trial, although the convicted official says he was acting on direct orders of the French Cabinet. Apparently the officials chose not to buy and use U.S. testing and decontaminating equipment in order to give French researchers time to develop their own methods. About 200,000 people in France are now HIV-positive.▼

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FLASH!

by John Batchelor
MGW Staff

As expected, **Election Fever** inundated the capitol recently. One of the ways people expressed their political emotions was at the California Cable Television Association's new offices. **Dennis Mangers, John Hancock, and Melanie Page** were the hosts extraordinaire at an election night party. A virtual who's who of Sacramento filled every room of the sleek quarters. An unequalled frenzy of excitement erupted as Clinton made his acceptance speech. Many in attendance expressed a delight that had not been felt in twelve years! ▼ The **California Capitol Political Action Committee's (CAP/PAC)** Election Day advertisement made a prominent showing on page two of the Sacramento Bee. The ad also appeared the two previous days. The ad stated the organization's endorsements. It also stated in a clear, positive and powerful way the purpose of CAP/PAC. It was indeed history in the making. ▼ **Domestic Partners** in Sacramento! Is it a dream? This time is for real. Let's head down to City Hall and document our relationships. And while it does not solve all our problems, it is a step in a positive direction. Anyone need a best man or better yet, how about a husband! ▼ There are two young men who intend to be first in line at City Hall. **Beau Jackson** and **Paul Messenger** are tying the knot on their third anniversary. These two are involved in everything: Sacramento Men's Chorus, River City Democratic Club and a myriad of other organizations. Paul even writes a column in **The Missing Link** newspaper. The column is geared towards lesbian and gay students. Quite progressive...keep up the good work. ▼ Happy November Birthdays to **Chris Chilton**, former SAF'er **Joe Chase**, **Bill Brown**, **Joel Ferreiro**, and **MGW Newspaper**. ▼ The Lambda fund and SLCC present the first annual **Holiday Crafts Faire**. Pick out those special holiday gifts on December 5 at the downtown YWCA. Local artists will

also perform. Admission is free...come and browse. ▼ **Susan Goodrich** and the **Lambda Players** put together a wonderful "Gay-La 2, Broadway Our Way." The program included show tunes the way we want to hear them. We look forward to Gay-La 3. ▼ Put those dancing shoes on your feet. Lessons are starting for all levels. Prepare for the **Snow White Champagne Ball** and get more comfortable on Country Western nights. Mr. Flash is now offering his **Dance Classes** on Mondays and/or Tuesdays starting November 23 & 24. Come out and try some partner and line dancing. ▼ Our national gay holiday "Halloween" is behind us. However the memories will linger. **Rick Scholl** aka "Dusty Rose" created an incredible installation at the Wreck Room. The back room at the club should have had a neon arrow directing patrons to the exhibit. It was complete with trees, flying ghosts, coffins and grave diggers. Strangely enough the scene was also quite provocative...**Faces** packed them in with every type of costume and contest imaginable. Three adorable chipmunks were the cover for socialites **Fred Palmer, Matt Hanson and Kurt Masters**. At the other end of town **Joseph's Town & Country (JTC)** featured "A Movie Premiere" where patrons dressed as their favorite movie star or character. The evening was a benefit for P.A.A.R.C. JTC is planning a great Thanksgiving event...The gang at the **Buffalo Club** munched delectable chicken wings (Buffalo Wings) while the patio showcased an array of costumes...The **Town House** had the strangest cast of characters playing pool on Halloween. Everyone seemed to be having a great time...the **Mercantile Saloon** was the stopping off point for everyone on their way to everywhere. It was an impromptu reception of sorts we're told. ▼ The



Jeff Green and Art Katz at the Sacramento Men's Chorus Hellfire Ball.

Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC) Halloween bash was great fun when it finally got rolling. The party was "tuneless" for the first hour. However most guests were still at home putting on the finishing touches to their costumes. **Mike Tentis** was the most risqué Jersey cow Mr. Flash has ever witnessed. The annual SMC party is a great alternative on Halloween. ▼ The Sacramento AIDS Response team at the Lambda Center is hard at work preparing for **Negotiation and Safer Sex** on November 22. The new format has a more personal focus. You owe it to yourself to check it out. ▼ Kudos to **Elizabeth Taylor** for appearing on the cover of Vanity Fair magazine with a condom in her hand. The article inside tells about her work with the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR.) ▼ As we prepare to celebrate the



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Fashion Designers Rosemary Metrailor and Tina Costello ready to collect some candy.

holidays, why not include joining SAF's **Hand to Hand** program. There is a volunteer training beginning soon. ▼ The second retirement of **Magic Johnson** in unfortunate. However, once again, the

focus of the sports world turned to AIDS education. And while not all the news articles were encouraging, AIDS awareness was addressed. Johnson has indicated that he may return to the

President's Commission on AIDS now that Clinton is heading into office. ▼ Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) presents "The Many Aspects of Our Program" on November 17. P-FLAG is a strong ally to our community. Their purpose of understanding and good will is evident in all they do. ▼ Got the chance to meet a nice woman who is performing lately in the area. **CQ** is the name and not only does she sing, but she also dances a mean 2-step. The next time you have Country, Blues or Latin in mind ask her for a demo tape. It might be just the talent you need. Call 510-888-4121 for more information. ▼ In the last edition of **MGW Flash**, this columnist wrote about a mysterious "Rick" from Austin, Texas. Apologies are extended as my comments were never meant to be mean spirited. Humor is a fragile mechanism and so are people's feelings. We would like to apologize for any misunderstanding. ▼ With **Thanksgiving** just around the bend, pick a special time and place. Spend part of the day with close friends and family. Let them know what they mean to you. Until next time...John ▼

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Mayor Anne Rudin, World-Class Humanitarian



by John Mello
MGW Staff

The best friend our Sacramento gay and lesbian community has had will be leaving office on November 24 after an influential 21 years of local public service as a three-term City Council member and two-term Mayor. Anne Rudin has always been there for us, even when it was hardly the popular or politically expedient thing to do. "What is important for us is to let you know you count; it's the only right and fair thing to do. Equality has to be for everyone," Rudin said in her characteristically straightforward manner.

Born in New Jersey to Italian parents, she grew up in Philadelphia where she attended Temple University and its hospital's School of Nursing. She became a nursing educator at that university as well as Mount Zion Hospitals before devoting herself to her family and an expanding range of civic and political activities. Ultimately, she served as president of the League of Women Voters in Riverside and later, Sacramento, as well as the State League. Her accomplishments cover major public policy areas such as economic development, transportation, child care, AIDS, drugs, and preserving cultural heritage, in addition to her well-known prominence as an advocate for human rights and international cooperation. She served on the Executive Committees of two World Conferences of Mayors and has been recognized for her efforts to promote peace, nuclear disarmament and international trade. She has continued to receive degrees, awards and appointments, a list of which would run into many pages.

As Mom Guess What newspaper celebrates its 15th anniversary, we wish to express our most profound thanks to Mayor Anne Rudin for her leadership and perseverance during these critical years of growth and struggle for equal rights as well as for her humanitarian kindness and support during the last decade of sorrow for those we have lost to AIDS. Her boundless optimism, self-confidence and idealism have created possibilities for change and have inspired us to believe that we too can do great deeds.

We met in the Mayor's small and unpretentious office in City Hall that was filled with congratulatory bouquets from supporters of the domestic partners ordinance. When complimented on the sensational shocking pink silk suit she wore to this year's CAP/PAC dinner; she told us that she had made it herself the night before. Modestly but firmly brushing aside this and all other praise during our interview, Mayor Rudin maintained a strong sense of equality between us. With her "no nonsense" manner, she has always been accessible and easy to talk to.

JM: *Former councilwoman Kim Mueller has praised you for having "maintained incredible grace...making your trademark the way you dealt with public policies...acting on your convictions and standing your ground" and you yourself have remarked, "Why can't we do good things because others are doing them?" To what do you attribute this inner strength? Do you feel you lead by example?*

AR: Inner strength and convictions go together and work the other way, too. If you truly have convictions, then you must have strength. But I'm not someone to look up to as an example; in fact, I never thought I was someone women should emulate. People have to form their own values. When I was young, I decided to become an independent person. I struggled to develop my own character and become what I wanted to be. I don't try to mother people — I've tried to help people. It's what made me want to be a nurse, when you see people hurting and you

want them to hurt less. I want people to feel good about themselves and I was in a position to do that. I was lucky. There's a lot I'm going to miss.

JM: *What is your advice to young people entering politics?*

AR: First, know your own values. Second, use your values plus ideals as a foundation for your actions. Third, be consistent. You have to see how things interrelate. Equal rights must apply in all situations—for women, minorities and gays equally, for example.

JM: *What is your advice to young women?*

AR: Don't let someone else define who or what you are. If you want to stay home and be a mother, that's OK. If you want to do nontraditional work like joining the military, that's OK, too. I personally don't want women to fight because I don't want men to fight, but if women want to, they should have that opportunity. We want the same opportunities as men.

JM: *What do you feel have been the strengths of your term in office?*

AR: A commitment to good government and to the City of Sacramento. I have been involved in the League of Women Voters whose objectives include responsible citizenship. Our government has deprived us of the opportunity to exercise some of our responsibilities as citizens. I believe that the people want responsibility, not just privileges.

JM: *One of your stated goals early on was to develop a more consensus-type of government with the City Council. Were you successful?*

AR: My leadership style has received criticism because some people consider it to be "weak leadership" or not "legitimate." They thought they would overrun me, but I have gotten results. I am not an authoritarian leader—I shared power with my colleagues in a consensual relationship. One of the most popular talks I have given to women's groups was on "Leadership and Power,"

and the different ways to use power. It made women feel better about gaining and sharing power. Being mayor has given me the opportunity to do things few people can do. My style is different from that of my predecessors and my successor. Joe Serna will have his own style. I think we will see a change as more women and minorities take office in leadership positions.

JM: *Are there things that you would have done differently?*

AR: The one thing would be the North Natomas issue, when that area was opened to urban development in anticipation of a major league sports complex. Land use decisions should not be driven by other agendas, but I could not have changed the political juggernaut that was in favor of it. I made my point and have been vindicated, although so many people have lost out in the process. I can't gloat.

The other thing would be the Persian Gulf War resolution. It was inconsequential as city policy and caused a lot of

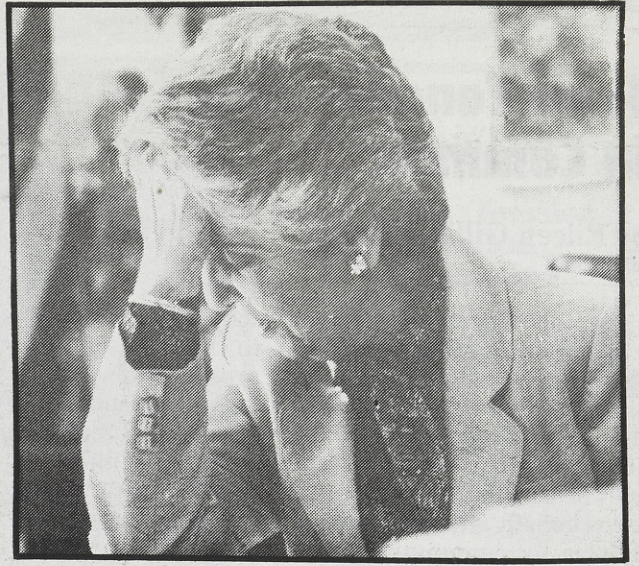
tumult. I was heartsick about the war and against any statements that indicated we were behind it, but I was trying to follow the consensus to respect other members' feelings when I should have come out and said no. It was an emotional issue, but it was not a City Council issue and not worth the confrontation we had.

JM: *I love the way you've described your going out of office, "in true feminist style...to have it be my own decision." Have you considered running for the State Assembly or Senate in 1994 or 96?*

AR: It has occurred to me, but I am not ready to consider it.

JM: *You mentioned recently that you "wanted to change direction, do some fun things, maybe lobby the Council." Would you elaborate on that?*

AR: When I have more time I can give it more thought. I want to see what it feels like to be totally uncommitted. Once I have a clear mind, I can get a better idea of what I want



to do. I want to still be active in things that have importance to the city, and by that I mean not necessarily just the easy things.

When I was a child, I was sent to my grandparents' farm to work during the summers picking berries and packing peaches. Then when I went to

and there is still a lot of sexism. Media violence is very destructive; that gladiator spirit is a thrill, but it's unfortunate in political leadership. We must look at how we establish values.

possible court challenge based on a violation of churches' "civil rights" and another pastor is considering a petition drive, but the City Council could withstand a challenge. I

JM: Do you think the new City Council, with only one woman and a number of relatively conservative males, will be responsive to the needs of the gay and lesbian community?

AR: People grow into their responsibilities as elected officials. I think they will become more open-minded as they are brought into closer contact with the community on a human level and see a broader cross section. We have set a pattern here of leadership by convincing people of what is important, right and fair, but it takes getting people to work together, too. The gay community lets us know its needs and has put a different face on discrimination; people now realize that gays and lesbians are in more places in the workplace. We're setting a trend for the rest of the country with Sacramento's domestic partners ordinance. These things involved two-way communication and the capacity to respond to shared aspirations. Leaders have to see the interrelationships in this.

Back in the sixties, I was asked to comment on the radio once on the "women's vote," but there is no such thing, although there are issues of importance to women such as choice, peace and disarmament that are essential to the future of the world. As diverse as the gay and lesbian community is, you are still able to rally around issues to gain equality and respect. You have differing political affiliations and religions and while it is not possible nor desirable for everyone to believe in the same things, your shared goals and ideals bring you together. You do that quite well. You have empathy. And you have the power to let bad things happen or to make good things happen. ▽

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college and nursing school I took classes in the summer. Then I had a family. My whole life has been year-round activities, except for a few vacations. My husband, Ed, tells me, "Let's take a year and go to all the places in the world we've always wanted to," but I can't be away from home that long. I would like to spend, say, a month in Florence, Italy.

I only need a few more hours of CE credits to renew my nursing license, and then I'd like to do volunteer work as an AIDS caregiver. I wouldn't say where — it's something I plan to do privately.

JM: You complained to the corporate officials of the Paramount Theaters about the "chilling" violence in their ads during the Los Angeles riots. Do you intend to continue your media watch?

AR: I will always speak out when I see expressions that I think are harmful and immoral — I'm talking about ethics and decency here, not religion. It took us awhile to realize how dehumanizing and objectifying media images are of women

JM: Are you going to resume studying Italian?

AR: I've been reading Dante's "Paradiso" in the original Italian cantos — with the dictionary near at hand — and I'm also really into contemporary Italian writers like Silone, who write novels with social significance.

JM: What do you mean by "being an ordinary person again"?

AR: Being able to go to dinner without having to make a speech and taking a trip without having to do ceremonial things!

JM: Speaking of ceremonies, I've seen you marry people — are you going to officiate on the first day of the domestic partners' registration on November 16?

AR: No, I'm sorry I won't; that will have to be carried out by a notary.

JM: What kind of reaction has there been to the ordinance-passing?

AR: One of the only three people who signed up to speak against the ordinance at the October 13 meeting hinted at a

was very happy that the vote was more than a simple majority. I cannot agree with religious organizations who claim they have a "right" to discriminate. I am still getting a few phone calls against it saying, "You have caused so much damage...created another San Francisco or New York," but nothing like the amount of calls we got in favor of it. I am amazed at the overwhelming support of heterosexuals — people are even calling out to me from their car windows. A councilmember from another city in the state just called for a copy of our ordinance. We're going to lead California.

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Joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common

by Eileen Gillis, Esq
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Joint tenants hold an interest together in a single property. Both persons have an equal right to share in the use and enjoyment of the property. In this way, joint tenancy bears a marked similarity to the benefit afforded married couples by community property. The primary benefit incident to joint tenancy is survivorship, by which the entire tenancy, on the decease of any joint tenant, remains to the survivor. Both real or personal property can be held in joint tenancy.

In contrast, a tenancy in common is a form of ownership where each owner holds an undivided interest in property. The interest of each party does not terminate upon death and absent a will, is passed on to surviving relatives.

Joint tenancy is a very popular tool used by same-sex couples as a part of their estate planning efforts. Joint tenancy can be used for almost any asset and its creation is economical, efficient and not very difficult. In addition, joint tenancy does not pass through probate upon the death of the partner, thus the expenses incident to probate are bypassed. Thus, this form of ownership provides the partners with a simple and efficient tool to ensure lifetime ownership and disposition at death.

But, a number of problems for the same-sex couple can arise upon placing property in joint tenancy. First, a presumption of equal ownership is attached to the property. Thus, despite disparity in the owner's individual contributions, courts

may divide the property equally in the event of a dispute. This presumption can be rebutted only with a showing of evidence of contrary intent, preferably one in writing.

Other drawbacks to the use of joint tenancy undermines their viability of this device as a same-sex couple's estate planning tool. Because joint tenancy is subject to attack if evidence exists that the deceased's intent differed from the form to title, the same-sex couple must be cautious when creating this device. The decedent's family may claim items upon death. Therefore, it is a good idea for the couple to prepare a written agreement confirming the title of significant assets. Property held in joint tenancy is additionally vulnerable because one partner can withdraw all the assets from a jointly owned bank account without the other party's consent or knowledge. Further, since assets titled jointly must be sold with the consent of both joint owners, this makes disposition difficult in times of disruption in the couples personal relationship. Also, tax consequences may arise, such as gift taxes, if the same-sex partner transfers property from sole to joint ownership without consideration from the new owner.

In sum, joint tenancy suffers from many of the same defects of wills and trusts, and a few that are unique to itself. Joint tenancy gives the same-sex couple an uncertain and limited method for estate planning and does little to legitimize the status of the alternative family unit. ▼

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Carlos Riazuelo, conductor Community Center Theater, Oct 30-Nov 1

The works on this program were all orchestral showpieces selected with the intention of wowing the audience at Maestro Riazuelo's audition for the post of Music Director/Conductor. The Sacramento Symphony played brilliantly, but it was rather like sitting down to a meal of five prime ribs or banana splits: Brahms "Variations on a Theme by Haydn," Richard Strauss "Death and Transfiguration," Dvorak "Symphonic Variations" and two works by composers from Riazuelo's native Venezuela, Plaza "Fuga Criolla" and Castellanos "Santa Cruz de Pacairigua."

These dazzlers were all episodic, sensual, absolute music. Even "Death and Transfiguration's" programme (a man on his deathbed) could be safely ignored; it's simply a youthful Strauss showpiece compared to his sublime later works. We were asked to fill out an evaluation form commenting on whether the conductor communicated well with the audience. Abstraction is beautiful and engaging in and of itself, so this program did not leave a whole lot of room

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The UCD Davis Department of Dramatic Art announces the first production of its 1992/93 Studio Season, *Bent*, by Martin Sherman, directed by M.F.A. directing student James Alexander Bond.

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Bent will be presented in the Arena Theatre, UC Davis Campus, November 19-21 at 8pm and November 22 at 2pm. UCD students \$2, general public \$4. All performances are general admission, no reserve seating. For information: (916) 752-1915.▼

for "communication" in the sense of conveying feeling or text. Maestro Riazuelo should have had the chance to be more "expressive" in perhaps some Mahler, or some other Strauss work. When there is so much great Brahms to choose from, why settle for flashy Dvorak? We were only allowed one brief solo of concertmaster William Barbini's luscious portamento, for example.

One can support the goal of involving the public in the

selection process, but being asked to evaluate an artist of Riazuelo's stature is misleading to the audience. The pressures of the corporate music world invade here and discussions of aesthetics become debased in reductionist evaluation forms and competitive programming where technical brilliance is the sole criterion. Bartok's admonition comes to mind: "Trophies are for horses, not for artists." Does anyone remember when Maestro Carter Nice was subjected to wheeling out the tumbler for a Mercedes-Benz drawing only moments after having finished conducting the Beethoven Ninth Symphony?

It should certainly be a very opulent season.▼



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Suzie Berger, Belinda Sullivan, Charles Blackburn, Joseph Leonardi and Billy DeHerrera in Theatre Rinoceros' "Homo for the Holidays" in San Francisco. 415-861-5079.

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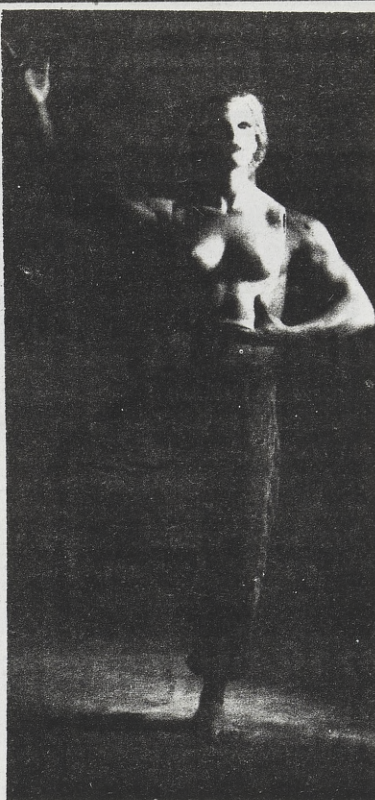
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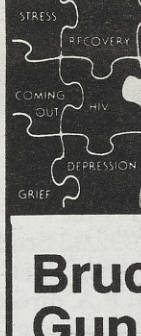
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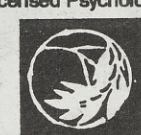
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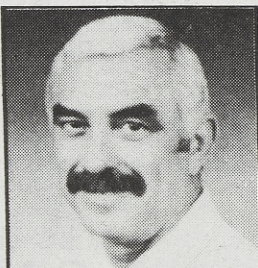
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Pets: Responsibility

by Joan B. Guertin
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I just returned home from my monthly visit to the SPCA where I spend a day working with dogs and their behavior problems in hopes of making them more adoptable. As always, I came away with mixed emotions ... thrilled at watching jumpers, lungers, and pullers settling down to walking on the leash with decent manners. Of course, my one-day-a-month doesn't constitute all that is needed to properly train a dog. However, it does show me just how adoptable a dog may be and it gives me insights into its temperament so that I can note it on the card. They tell me that my notations help the prospective adopter. The downside is looking at the reasons that these dogs are in the shelter in the first place.

Too often the card reads; destructive ... kills cats ... does not like children ... landlord won't allow us to keep him ... tore up the back yard, etc. What I read between the lines is that in most instances a dog was selected without care, research or proper planning and instead of training the problems out of the pet, it was easier to just "toss him away." It is always easier for someone else to clean up the messes we make, and that follows right through to our attitudes about pets.

It is disheartening to see a darling litter of kittens brought in knowing that neutering of the parents could have prevented another unwanted, unplanned litter. The same goes for those darling "acciden-

tal" puppies that resulted from the neighbor dog hopping over the fence.

At a recent dog show I found the following and thought that it sums up very nicely just what constitutes responsible pet ownership.

Golden Rules of Pet Ownership

As a responsible pet owner, I WILL:

Avoid making an impulsive decision about getting a pet. I will learn about and carefully select a pet suited for my home and yard, and my lifestyle.

Adhere to local ordinances including licensing and leash requirements.

Control my pet for its own safety.

Have my pet spayed or neutered, or take responsibility for my pet's offspring.

Keep only pets for whom I can provide a pleasant and safe

environment, adequate food and shelter, and companionship. I will be a responsible caretaker throughout my pet's life.

their waste. I will prevent my pet from being unnecessarily noisy or aggressive.

Provide identification for my pets by using I.D. tags or



The Bull Dog Drill Team at the Dog-A-Thon.

Do my part to help solve animal control and overpopulation problems.

Provide regular health care as recommended by my veterinarian including rabies vaccination and other inoculations.

Clean up after my pets and appropriately dispose of

other means.

I will respect the living environment.

On a lighter note: Last week's Dog-a-thon sponsored by the Premium Pet Mart for the Morris Foundation was a success. Walkers had a crisp fall day and the sprinkles held off till late afternoon when the festivities had wound down. The highlight as far as most of us were concerned was the North Bay Bulldog Club Drill Team. If you have never seen Bulldog drill you are in for a very nice surprise. It was fun for everyone and so impressive that The Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs invited them to appear at their Breeders Showcase set for Sunday, March 7, 1993. I'll remind you of that date as we get closer.▼

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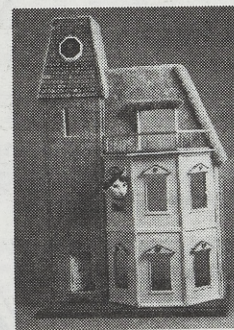
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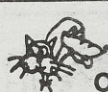
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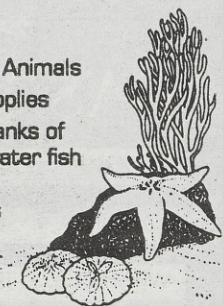
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CALENDAR

N O V E M B E R

▼ 15 - Sunday

Southbay Leatherfest Billy De Frank Center, San Jose. Call for time and events, 408-929-SLUG.

▼ 16 - Monday

Men's Coming Out Group Role Models for Relationships. 5:30 pm. Lambda Center, 19th & L. 442-0185.

Domestic Partners Celebration. Entertainment, Hor d'oeuvres, no-host bar. 6-9 pm. \$5. Ambrose Heath, 924 J St.

Worried Well Group for Seronegative People in a seropositive world. 6:30 - 7:30. SAF 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

▼ 17 - Tuesday

PFLAG Speakers from Lambda CC talk about programs. 7:30 pm. Foyer, St. Marks UMC, 2391 St. Marks Way. Alice 665-1050

New Spirit Sierra Room. 7:30 pm RCMCC, Broadway & 34th St

G.L.S.A. Sac City Breakfast & Bake Sale. 7:30 am - 1 pm. Pat Hilliard 638-8617.

Heart to Heart HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males. 6:30 - 8 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

▼ 18 - Wednesday

MGW Deadline 5 pm

Twin Spirits Veterans Meeting. 7:30 pm MCC Grand ballroom, 2741 34th St.

Artists Reception and gallery talk. Patty Urone, hand painted textiles. 5 - 7 pm. University Union Exhibit Lounge, CSUS, 6000 J St. 278-6595.

SAGA IV Bingo Night. \$5 for 3 cards. 7 - 10 pm. The Townhouse (upstairs). 1517 21st St. Tom, 635-1535.

Lesbian Youth Movie Night Pizza and Soda provided. 6 - 10 pm. Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

G.L.S.A. Sac City Breakfast & Bake Sale. 7:30 am - 1 pm. Pat Hilliard 638-8617.

Lambda Board Meeting 8 pm. Lambda Cen-

ter, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

The Mens Session Meeting erotic needs safely. 7 - 9 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. 448-2437.

Open Mike Comedy. Free. 8:30 pm Thrashers, 3322 Bell St.

▼ 19 - Thursday

Great American Smokeout. Kick the habit for a day. Call the American Cancer Society for information on starting a new, smoke free life. 446-7933.

Women's Coming Out Group Child Care. 6 - 7:30 pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

Being Alive Living Room 2 - 5 pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

Causeway Concerto, Bonnie McNeely & Christopher Watson Dance Company. 8 pm. 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St., Sac., tickets: \$6-\$10.

▼ 20 - Friday

Youth Group 5:45 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & L. 442-0185.

Youth AA 8 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & L. 442-0185.

Cafe Lambda 8 pm to midnight. Lambda Center, 19th & L. 442-0185.

Causeway Concerto, Bonnie McNeely & Christopher Watson Dance Company. 8 pm. Reception following the performance. 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St., Sac., tickets: \$6-\$10.

SACWN Holiday Meeting \$7. 6:30 pm. Terrace Room, Clarion Hotel, 16th & H sts. Linda, 486-8985.

Country/Western Dancing 7:30 pm. RCMCC, Broadway & 34th St.

Train for Hope Round trip train trip to Reno, proceeds to Hope House. Returns Sunday. \$149 call 442-3832.

Cottages at Hedgebrook a film about an artist's community for women. 7 pm. Lioness Books, 2224 J St.

SLCC Nite Family Sharing Circle, emotional

preparation for the holidays. Pam 687-7282.

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▼ 21 - Saturday

SACWN Hike in the hills northwest of Sac. Karen, 753-6670.

Youth Ice Cream Social 6 - 11 pm. Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

Mr. Sacramento Valley Leather Contest 1992-93. \$5-\$7. 8 pm. Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd.

Causeway Concerto, Bonnie McNeely & Christopher Watson Dance Company. 8 pm. 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St., Sac., tickets: \$6-\$10.

Judy Fjell & Crystal Reeves Songs of Freedom and joy. \$8/\$9. 8 pm. The Palms, 726 Drummond Ave, Davis. 923-BASS.

Artist Reception Willi Kissmer, Aleah Koury, Karen Salee. 6 - 10 pm. Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd. 488-1211.

CSUS Chorus/Orchestra Festival 8 pm, Sacred Heart Church, 39th & J sts. 278-6805.

Death & Dying Seminar Jim Ulisse. 10 - 3 pm. Ballroom, MCC, Broadway & 34th.

"One Enchanted Evening" Musical Theatre Cabaret Show. AIDS Center Fund Raiser. 8 pm. RCMCC, 34th and Broadway.

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▼ 22 - Sunday

Aurora Music Ensemble presents Bach's Cantata No. 51. \$4. 3 pm. Trinity Lutheran Church, 27th & O sts. 452-4380.

Mr. S.V.L. Victory Brunch. 11 - 2 pm. Los Padres in Old Sac

Book Readings Tom Schmidt, Mary Zeppa. \$2-\$5. 7:30 pm. Time Tested Books, 1114 21st St. 447-5696.

▼ 23 - Monday

Men's Coming Out Group "Condom School" 5:30 pm. Lambda Center, 19th & L. 442-0185.

Women's Rap Group 7:15 pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185

Ballroom and Western Dance Classes Four weeks, \$25 per person. 6:30 pm beginning, 7:45 intermediate. MCC Grand Ballroom, 2741 34th St. John Batchelor 453-8991.

UC Davis presents Aequalis, 757-3199.

▼ 24 - Tuesday

AIDS Outreach Volunteer Training A continuing series of Safer Sex training for women and men. Lambda Community Center 6 - 9 pm 442-0185

Heart to Heart HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males. 6:30 - 8 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

Ballroom and Western Dance Classes Four weeks, \$25 per person. 6 pm beginning, MCC Grand Ballroom, 2741 34th St. John Batchelor 453-8991.

New Spirit Sierra Room. 7:30 pm RCMCC, Broadway & 34th St

Inauguration Ceremony for Mayor-elect Joe Sema, Jr. 7:30 - 11 pm. Metro Room, Sac. Convention Center.

▼ 25 - Wednesday

Women's Coming Out Group Child Care. 6 - 7:30 pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

Being Alive Living Room 2 - 5 pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

March on Washington meeting. 8 - 9:30. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

▼ 26 - Thursday

Thanksgiving Day Dinner RCMCC, Broadway & 34th St.

▼ 27 - Friday

Youth Group 5:45 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & L. 442-0185.

Youth AA 8 pm, Lambda Center, 19th & L. 442-0185.

Cafe Lambda 8 pm to midnight. Lambda Center, 19th & L. 442-0185.

Sacramento Symphony with Tadaaki Otaka, 8 pm., Community Center, 14th & L, 649-0200.

Country/Western Dancing 7:30 pm. RCMCC Broadway & 34th St.

Pepi, Luci, Bom. Gay/Lesbian Midnight Series. Tower Theatre, 16th & Broadway. 443-1982.

▼ 28 - Saturday

Sacramento Symphony with Tadaaki Otaka, 8 pm., Community Center, 14th & L, 649-0200.

Youth Movie Night 6 - 11 pm. Lambda Community Center. 1931 L St. 442-0185.

Excel Holiday Ball RCMCC, Broadway & 34th.

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▼ 29 - Sunday

Sacramento Symphony with Tadaaki Otaka, 3 pm., Community Center, 14th & L, 649-0200.

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Crystal Fair A crystal celebration. 10 - 4 pm \$4. Fort Mason Conf. Cen., SF. 415-383-7837.

▼ 30 - Monday

Women's Rap Group 7:15 pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185

Men's Coming Out Group How good-looking does he have to be. 5:30 pm. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

D E C E M B E R

▼ 1 - Tuesday

World AIDS Day.

Cioppino Night at Elkhorn Station, Highway 16, W. Sac., created by famous MGW Chef Marghe Covino; 372-5068.

Night of the Day Without Art Entertainment and benefit for artists with AIDS. \$10 - \$100, Souther Exposure, 17th & Alabama, SF. 415-863-2141.

Sacramento Leather Assoc. Meeting, open to the community. 7 pm. The Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway.

Heart to Heart HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males. 6:30 - 8 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

▼ 3 - Thursday

The Robert Cray Band \$20. 7:30 pm. SCC Bass Tickets

GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro #B, S.F., 7pm, 415-861-4588.

▼ 4 - Friday

Sacramento Symphony with Jorge Mester, 8 pm., 649-0200.

Without You I'm Nothing. Gay/Lesbian Midnight Series. Tower Theatre, 16th & Broadway. 443-1982.

T'was the Night Before Christmas Dance Theatre adds a new twist. 3:30 & 7:30. Carmichael Civic Theatre, 5802 Robertson Ave. 489-6880.

Christmas Show Sacramento Arrangers Guild and Garden and Arts Center. Free. 10 - 5 pm Shepard Garden Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. 443-9413.

Ranch Romance The Palms, 726 Drummond Ave, Davis. 923-BASS.

▼ 5 - Saturday

1st Annual Lambda Fund/SLCC Holiday Crafts Faire, 10 a.m.-4 pm., Free. Santa Available for pictures from 12 - 2 pm. YWCA, 1122 17th at L.

Sacramento Symphony with Jorge Mester, 8 pm., 649-0200.

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▼ 6 - Sunday

California Intl Marathon from Folsom to the State Capitol. 983-4622.

Dykes Out Together Planning meeting, Diana 487-3124.

Sacramento Symphony with Jorge Mester, 3 pm., 649-0200.

Christmas Show Sacramento Arrangers Guild and Garden and Arts Center. Free. 10 - 5 pm Shepard Garden Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. 443-9413.

▼ 7 - Monday

Men's Coming Out Group "Is it the Meat or the Motion." 5:30 pm. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

Worried Well Group for Seronegative People in a seropositive world. 6:30 - 7:30. SAF 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

▼ 8 - Tuesday

MGW Deadline 5 pm

Heart to Heart HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males. 6:30 - 8 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

▼ 9 - Wednesday

Artists Reception Roger Slagle, Pen & Ink drawings. 5 - 7 pm. University Union Exhibit Lounge, CSUS, 6000 J St. 278-6595

▼ 10 - Thursday

SAGA IV Rolling Skating Party 8:30-10:30 pm., Foothill Skate Inn, 4700 Auburn Blvd., near Madison, \$5; info: Tom 635-1535 or Keith 455-0986.

Rainbow Real Estate Holiday Party, the Hyatt.

▼ 11 - Friday

The Nutcracker, Sacramento Ballet, 7 pm. Tickets: 264-5181 or 923-BASS.

Without You I'm Nothing. Gay/Lesbian Midnight Series. Tower Theatre, 16th & Broadway. 443-1982.

Communities United A Musical Revue for the Whole Family P.A.A.R.C. Annual Christmas Show for AIDS Charities. \$10-\$12.50. 7-8 pm reception, 8 pm showtime. American Legion Hall, 1119 21st St. 442-5468.

T'was the Night Before Christmas Dance Theatre adds a new twist. 7:30. Carmichael Civic Theatre, 5802 Robertson Ave. 489-6880.

Pictures of the Year Photographic exhibit opening celebration. Free 5:30 - 8 pm. Photographic Art Center, 702 57th St. 451-3063.

▼ 12 - Saturday

SNOW WHITE CHAMPAGNE BALL FOR WOMEN, 8 pm., Lincoln Plaza Atrium, Live Band: The Duo from S.F., \$40/woman. Write for invitation: L. Bimer, 1725 L St., Sac. 95814.

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The Nutcracker, Sacramento Ballet, 2 pm. and 7 pm. Tickets: 264-5181 or 923-BASS.

Sacramento Women's Chorus Holiday Concert, "Songs of Peace." \$5 3 pm Tickets at Lambda Center, St. Paul's Meth. Church, Vacaville. 486-8985.

Book Readings A Holiday reading of Christmas, Hanukkah & Solstice poems and stories. \$2-\$5. 7:30 pm. Time Tested Books, 1114 21st St. 447-5696.

Artists Reception Joseph Bellacera, Bob Else, Linda K Smith. 6 - 8 pm. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St. 448-8723.

Without You I'm Nothing. Gay/Lesbian Midnight Series. Tower Theatre, 16th & Broadway. 443-1982.

T'was the Night Before Christmas Dance Theatre adds a new twist. 3:30 & 7:30. Carmichael Civic Theatre, 5802 Robertson Ave. 489-6880.

▼ 13 - Sunday

Sacramento Women's Chorus Holiday Concert, "Songs of Peace." \$5 3 pm Tickets at Lambda Center, Trinity Presbyterian Church, West Sac. 486-8985.

The Nutcracker, Sacramento Ballet, 2 pm. Tickets: 264-5181 or 923-BASS.

▼ 14 - Monday

Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council, 7:30 pm., County Administration Building, 7th & H Sts.; 448-0422.

Men's Coming Out Group Assimilation? 5:30 pm. Pot luck with Women's Rap Group 7 pm. Lambda Center, 19th & 20th, 442-0185.

▼ 15 - Tuesday

Sing-Along Messiah Sacramento Symphony. 7:30 pm. 649-0300.

Heart to Heart HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males. 6:30 - 8 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

▼ 16 - Wednesday

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▼ 17 - Thursday

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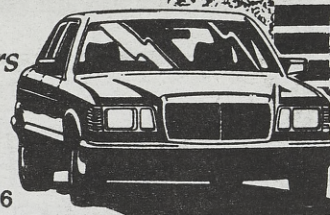
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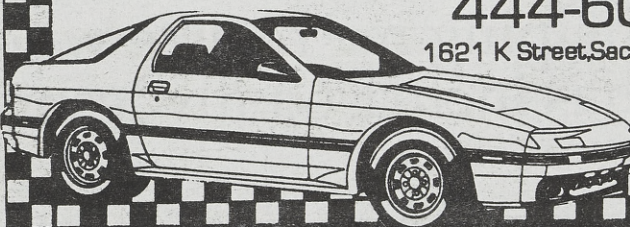
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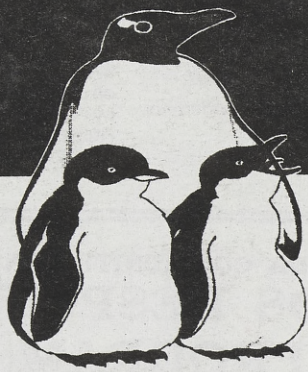
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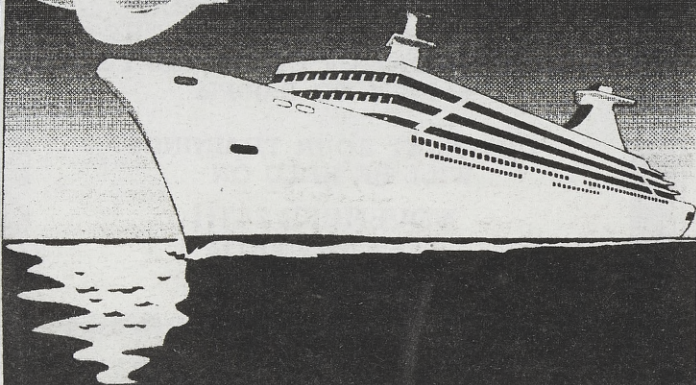
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